

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 6-9 and 17-21 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-5 and 10-16 are to be considered by the Examiner based on the election below.

The Examiner has required election of one of the following patentably distinct species under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Species I Figs. 2-3

Species II Fig. 4

Species III Fig. 5

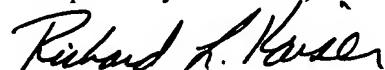
Species IV Fig. 6

Species V Fig. 7

The Applicants hereby elect species I, Figs. 2-3, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-5 and 10-16 read on Figs. 2-3. Claims 6-9 and 17-21 are withdrawn from consideration. Contrary to the Examiner's contention, claims 1-3, 10, and 11 are currently generic. Upon allowance of a generic claim, the Examiner is requested to consider the withdrawn, non-elected claims depending from the allowable generic claim(s).

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